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SUBJECT: LECTURES BY R. E. EDELSON, JPL, IN TOKYO

1. SCICOUNS WAS INVITED BY PROF. MORIMOTO, UNIVERSITY OF
TOKYO ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY, TO ATTEND LECTURE JULY 26
ON SEARCH FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE GIVEN BY
R. E. EDELSON, SETI PROJECT MANAGER AT JPL. FIRST PART
OF LECTURE COVERED GENERAL NASA PROGRAM AS INTRODUCTION.
AUDIENCE NUMBERED ABOUT 200.

2. ON FOLLOWING DAY, EDELSON MET WITH SMALLER GROUP OF
SCIENTISTS (ABOUT 15) FROM ISAS, NASDA, AND NUMBER OF
OTHER INSTITUTES AND UNIVERSITIES WITH INTEREST IN SETI.
VIGOROUS DISCUSSION LASTED ABOUT THREE HOURS, WITH
JAPANESE PRESENTING THEIR OWN THOUGHTS AND PLANS FOR
SETI. SCICOUNS WAS PRESENT ALSO. PROF. SAITO OF SAC
CHAired MEETING AND INFORMED EDELSON OF INITIATIVE
TAKEN BY DEP. ADM. LOVELACE IN CALLING FOR INCREASED
NASA/JAPAN COOPERATION IN SPACE SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS.

3. ASSUMING THAT SETI PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY CONGRESS
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(NEWSPAPERS HERE REPORT CONTROVERSY OVER THIS), IT WOULD
APPEAR THAT SETI WOULD BE GOOD CANDIDATE FOR COOPERATIVE
PROJECT WITH JAPANESE. THERE IS WIDESPREAD PUBLIC AND
SCIENTIFIC INTEREST IN SETI IN JAPAN. COMPLETION OF
45-METER MILLIMETER WAVE RADIOTELESCOPE AND LONG
BASELINE INTERFEROMETER IN 1982 (REPORTED IN TOKYO A-99)
WILL GIVE JAPANESE CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL TO CONDUCT

SETI EXPERIMENTS.

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4. EDELSON ALSO POINTED OUT, AND MORIMOTO AGREED,
THAT NEW RADIOTELESCOPE COULD FORM EXCELLENT
INTERFEROMETER WITH TELESCOPE IN AUSTRALIA. MANSFIELD

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